



**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission's
The Public Broadband Access Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

The Public Broadband Access Working Group (PBAWG) held a meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 hosted by the City Planning and Community Investment Department, located at 600 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Subcommittee Members Present: Martha Dennis and Tyler Orion. City Staff: Matt McGarvey, Information Technology and Communications Department; Steve Lastromirsky, City Attorney; Jean Cameron, Planning Division; Toni Dillon and Tina Hines Economic Development Division; Members of Public: Drew Maccullough, Socal Freenet. William Griswold, UCSD. Cindy Jones, Center for Disability Awareness.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

- III. **APPROVAL MINUTES FOR:** January 17, 2007
(MOTION/SECOND/Dennis/Orion/UNANIMOUS)

- IV. **PUBLIC WIRELESS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:**

The PBAWG began a discussion of a report titled “Fiscal Feasibility of a Municipally-Owned Citywide Wireless Broadband Network”. This report was prepared by the San Francisco Budget Analyst for the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. In the San Francisco model, Google is the internet provider on the basic service tier of the EarthLink wireless network. The PBAWG will continue its review of and discussion of this report.

- V. **OUTREACH TO STAKEHOLDERS:**

Ms. Martha Dennis gave a synopsis of the categories of stakeholders that the PBAWG would like to engage for input. Stakeholder groups are comprised of the following: 1) low income residents; 2) tourists; 3) students; 4) persons with disabilities; 5) large and small businesses.

Ms. Cindy Jones, Director for the Center for Disability Awareness, suggested that the PBAWG should contact Mr. Gregg Vanderheiden, Ph.D., with the TRACE Research and Development Center. The TRACE Center is a part of the College of Engineering, at the University of Wisconsin Madison. The TRACE Center focuses on the research and development of technological tools to assist people with disabilities.

- VI. **UPDATE FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:**

Matt McGarvey, Chief Information Officer, stated that the IT&C Department has received a letter of intent from EarthLink. EarthLink's initial plan to deploy its network includes coverage of twenty percent of each of the eight Council Districts. Additionally, EarthLink will wire select City facilities such as libraries and recreation centers to provide free hot spots. As a part of this agreement with EarthLink, the City will receive light pole attachment fees, right of way fees, and a percentage of revenue generated.

After the conclusion of Matt McGarvey's update, Toni Dillon introduced Jean Cameron, Senior Planner, with the City Planning and Community Investment Department. Jean Cameron will transition into the role of lead staff to the Public Broadband Access Working Group and the Science and Technology Commission.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

A. Meeting dates for May, June and July 2007: Meetings have been scheduled for May 22nd and June 26th from 10 to 12 noon. A July meeting date will be scheduled at the next meeting.

B. Agenda Topics: The PBAWG would like invite representatives from the following organizations to attend future meetings: 1) Small Business Advisory Board; 2) Convention and Visitors Bureau; 3) Community Technology Centers; 4) Urban League; 5) Heads On Fire.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business the PBAWG Subcommittee adjourned.

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Motion by: Dennis

Revisions Prepared:

Board Vote: (MOTION/SECOND/Dennis/Orion/UNANIMOUS)

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